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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

KIM ET AL.

Examiner

David Y. Chung

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 July 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 18-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 20-25 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 18, 19 and 26-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/885,527.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 10 July 2003.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election of group I in the reply filed on July 7, 2004 is acknowledged. Because applicant did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election has been treated as an election without traverse (MPEP § 818.03(a)).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 18, 19 and 26-28 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim (U.S. 6,255,130) in further view of Akamatsu et al. (U.S. 6,414,730).

As to claims 18 and 26, Kim discloses a thin film transistor array panel in figures 1-3. Note the substrate 10 and the first metal layer comprising: the gate line 22, gate pad 24, gate electrode 26, and first capacitor electrode 28. An insulating layer 30 covers the first metal layer and a contact hole 72 is formed to uncover the gate pad. A

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silicon layer 42 is formed on insulating layer 30. A second metal layer disposed on the silicon layer comprises: data line 62, data pad 64, source electrode 65, drain electrode 66, and second capacitor electrode 68. A passivation layer 70 covers the second metal layer. See columns 7 and 8.

Kim does not disclose exposing a side edge portion of the drain electrode and forming the pixel electrode such that it contacts the side edge portion of the drain electrode. However, Akamatsu et al. discloses this in figures 2A and 7A. Akamatsu et al. teaches that this technique allows for a reliable connection between the pixel electrode and drain electrode. See column 9, line 61 – column 10, line 28. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to expose a side edge portion of the drain electrode and form the pixel electrode such that it contacts the side edge portion of the drain electrode in order to form a reliable connection between the drain electrode and pixel electrode.

As to claims 19 and 27, figure 1 of Kim shows the source electrode 65 connected to the data line 62, the drain electrode 66 spaced apart from the source electrode 65, the second capacitor electrode 68 disposed over the first capacitor electrode 28, and the data pad 64 connected to the first end of data line 62. Figure 3 shows the source electrode 65 and drain electrode 66 disposed on the active layer.

As to claim 28, figure 2 shows a data pad contact hole 73 and a capacitor contact hole 74 formed in the passivation layer uncovering corresponding portions of the data pad 64 and second capacitor electrode 68, respectively.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David Chung whose telephone number is (571) 272-2288. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Parker', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**KENNETH PARKER
PRIMARY EXAMINER**